

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION REPORT**

**Date:** January 21, 1998  
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**Polrep No.:** Polrep #1  
**Reporting Period:** January 8 - 12, 1998  
**FPN #:** 088066  
**EPA#:** 98 HR 05F P8X (Reimbursable)  
98 H 05F G7X Z576 (Recoverable)  
**Response Authority:** OPA  
**Start Date:** January 8, 1998  
**Completion Date:** NA

**I. Background:**

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) requested OPA Funds for an emergency cleanup at the Custom Blending Inc. oil site on January 7, 1998. A PRFA has been authorized through correspondence sent January 8, 1998 to USCG, Cmdr. Tom Tansey. The attached POLREP has been provided by IDEM to USEPA and USCG.

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**Subject:** Custom Blended Oils, OPA Removal Action, Greenfield, Indiana**POLREP:** POLREP No. 1**II. BACKGROUND**

Site Number/FPN	7100088/088066
Site ID No:	
Delivery Order Number	
Response Authority	OPA
CERCLIS ID#	NA
NPL Status	Non-NPL
State Notification:	
Status:	
Start Date:	January 8, 1998
Demobilization Date:	NA
Completion Date	NA

**III. RESPONSE INFORMATION****A. Incident Category**

This site is an abandoned oil recycling facility. The former owners have filed for bankruptcy.

## **B. Site Description**

The site is located at 804 West Osage Street in Greenfield, Indiana. The property is about one acre in size and is located in an industrial area of the city. The site is located about 3/4 mile from the center of the city and the county courthouse. The Indiana Department of Transportation operates a district facility next to the property and an abandoned rail line is adjacent to the north of the property. The population of Greenfield is 11,657.

Brandywine Creek runs from near the center of the City to the south. The site is about 3/4 mile from the creek. A storm sewer runs adjacent to the property and discharges to a ditch which leads to Brandywine Creek. Past spills from the site have impacted the creek.

## **C. Situation**

### **1. Current Situation**

On Monday January 5, 1998, Patrick Colcord and Russell Greatorex of the Office of Environmental Response responded to a report of an abandoned oil recycling facility in Greenfield, Indiana. The report stated that several thousand gallons of unknown liquids had been abandoned at the facility and that the site was unsecured.

On arrival to the property the gate was wide open. A strong oil odor was present and soil staining was evident throughout the property. The soil was disturbed on the southeast side of the property and an underground storage tank was sitting on the ground surface. A small roll-off box, full of soil, was near the tank. On the northwest corner of the property were 4 aboveground storage tanks. The tank battery was contained by a 4 feet tall wall made of concrete block. About nine inches of an unidentified oil covered the bottom of the containment area. The dimensions of the containment area are 100 by 20 feet. An estimated 7000 gallons of oil had leaked out of one or more of the tanks. Oil was observed to be weeping from the concrete block containment area and puddles of oil were seen to on the properties north and west of Custom Blended Oil.

Names and telephone numbers of the facility and its parent corporation were obtained from the property and the County Treasurer's Office. Property taxes had not been paid since the spring of 1996.

A number of telephone call confirmed that the company was bankrupt. The Trustee of the bankruptcy was identified and contacted. His name was Bradley J. Waller, 216 West State Street, Suite A, Sycamore, Illinois, 60178. His telephone number is (815) 895-5565. Mr. Waller informed us that all of the bankruptcy assets had been depleted.

Spill records were checked for the facility. A spill occurred at the facility in 1990. Oil from a spill at the site, entered a nearby storm sewer that flowed directly into small ditch leading to the Brandywine Creek. Analyses of the oil by the U. S. Coast Guard Oil

Identification Laboratory confirmed that oil from the site impacted the Brandywine Creek.

IDEM contacted U. S. EPA to determine eligibility for OPA funding.

## 2. Removal Actions to Date

On January 8 and 9, 1998, IDEM contractors used a vacuum truck to pump 7000 gallons of waste oil from the containment area and from around the site. Absorbent booms and absorbent pad was used to pick up additional oil from around the containment area.

The tanks were inspected to determine the volume of materials remaining at the property. The tanks on the northwest end are empty or near empty. The tanks on the south side each contain several feet of product. At least 60,000 gallons of product remain in the tanks. The product will be sampled to determine if hazardous constituents are present. Transportation and disposal arrangements will be made once analysis has been completed.

## IV. Cost Information (As of 1/12/97)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Cost to Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Environmental Remediation Services, Inc.	\$50,000	\$4250	\$45,750